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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET Welcomes: Medical Group of RI – Dr. Leach

New WIC Food Package

Beginning October 1, 2009, WIC will be changing foods offered as well as the food package rules for WIC participants. The reasons for the changes include:

- To meet the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- To meet the Healthy People 2010 Goals and Objectives
- To have Consistency with AAP infant feeding recommendations
- To strengthen WIC's Breast Feeding promotion and support messages
- To add foods that appeal to diverse populations

The new food packages will reinforce key nutrition messages:

- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Lower saturated fat & cholesterol intake
- Increase whole grain and fiber
- Drink less juice & sweetened beverages
- Babies are meant to be breastfed

Included in these changes are issues that many clients may be talking about with their providers. All WIC clients over the age of two years old will be required to get 1% or non-fat milk. The amount of infant formula will be determined by age appropriateness. Solids will not be provided until six months of age, and will include cereal, baby jarred fruits and vegetables, and there will be a decrease in the amount of infant formula WIC will provide. Juice will be eliminated from the infant food package. More information will be provided since there are many more changes.

Vaccinate Before You Graduate Update

The "Vaccinate Before You Graduate" Program is celebrating the completion of our seventh year. We have vaccinated more than 12,000 students in 79 of Rhode Island's schools.

VBYG is a **free** adolescent vaccination "catch up" program originally designed for 12th grade students in Rhode Island schools.

We are pleased to announce that the VBYG program is expanding this fall. We will now offer influenza vaccine to students in grade 9-12 in the public, private and alternative schools that participate in VBYG. Hepatitis A vaccine will also be added to the list of vaccines provided.

Students Can Receive The Following Vaccines:

- ✚ Hepatitis A
- ✚ Hepatitis B
- ✚ Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV).
- ✚ Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- ✚ Meningococcal (meningitis)
- ✚ Polio
- ✚ Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- ✚ Varicella (chicken pox) – A second dose is recommended

For questions about Vaccinate Before You Graduate, please contact Kathy Marceau at 401-222-4624 or Kathy.Marceau@health.ri.gov

New VIS

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine: The updated VIS incorporates recent changes in ACIP recommendations regarding indications, mainly for smokers and people with asthma.

Current Vaccination Information Statements (VIS) Dates							
If you have an outdated VIS, visit our website to order current versions. http://kidsnet.health.ri.gov/forms/divisions/family_health/form_iz_ed.html							
Chickenpox	3/13/08	Hib	12/16/98	Meningococcal	1/28/08	PPSV	4/16/09
DTaP/DT/DTP	5/17/07	HPV	2/02/07	MMR	3/13/08	Polio	1/01/00
Hepatitis A	3/21/06	Influenza (LAIV)	7/24/08	Multi-vaccine	9/18/08	Rotavirus	8/28/08
Hepatitis B	7/18/07	Influenza (TIV)	7/24/08	PCV	12/9/08	Td/Tdap	11/18/08

Immunization Report

In April 2009, the following **17** practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Allen Berry Health Center, Chafee Health Center, Cumberland Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, East Bay Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, Hillside Avenue Family & Community Medicine, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, North Kingstown Family Practice, Northstar Pedi Primary Care, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Olneyville Health Center, Riverside Pediatrics, Smithfield Pediatrics, Tri-Town Health Center, Wakefield Pediatrics, Westerly Pediatrics, and Wood River Health Services.**

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In April 2009, the following **20** pediatric practices used this report: **Associates in Primary Care, Cumberland Pediatrics, Chad Brown Health Center, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Dierolf-Aquidneck Medical Portsmouth, East Side Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Medicine Specialties, Dr. Polly Leonard, Dr. Chad Nevola, North Providence Pediatrics, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Dr. Salm – Aquidneck Newport, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Tollgate Pediatrics, Inc., Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket, Tri-Town Health Center, University Family Medicine, Warren Family Practice, and Westerly Pediatrics.**

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

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